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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Secretary's Office Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Federal Communications Commission Office of Secretary

Attn: Patrick Forster, Senior Engineer - Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Re: Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. & Pine Belt PCS, Inc.

First Quarter 2003 TTY Status **Report –** CC Docket No. 94-102

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. hereby submits its quarterly TTY status report for the first quarter, 2003, pursuant to the Commission's directive in the *Fourth Report and Order* (released December 14, 2000) and Order (released June 28,2002)' in this docket.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

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Attachment

'In the Matter & Revision & the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, Order, CC Docket 94-102, para. 24 (rel. June 28,2002) (Commission requiring that quarter reports continue for carriers seeking additional time).

PINE BELT CELLULAR, INC. & PINE BELT PCS, INC. TTY STATUS REPORT APRIL 15,2003

Pine Be Cellular, Inc. and Pine Belt PCS, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt V reless") have requested waiver of the FCC's requirement for digital wireless carriers to obtain all software upgrades and equipment necessary to make their systems capable of transmitting 911 calls from TTY devices (the "TTY Rule"). The request for waiver seeks a temporary waiver of the TTY Rule, until November 23, 2003, on the basis that before that date, it would be inequitable, unduly burdensome and contrary to the public interest to require Pine Belt Wireless to make the expensive upgrades required to make its CDMA system TTY-compatible.1 The request remains pending at the Commission.

Pine Belt Wireless continues to receive promising indications from a major lender to provide funding for the necessary software upgrades to comply with the TTY Rule and other Commission mandates. As of this date, however, Pine Belt Wireless has yet to receive official notice regarding such funding. No further developments have occurred since the date Pine Belt Wireless filed the Petition.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Nettles, President Pine Belt Cellular, Inc Pine Belt PCS, Inc.

The initial request for waiver was filed on June **28**, 2002 and sought extension of the TTY Rule until March 31, 2003. On January 15. 2003. the request was amended to seek further extension of the deadline, until November 23, 2003.